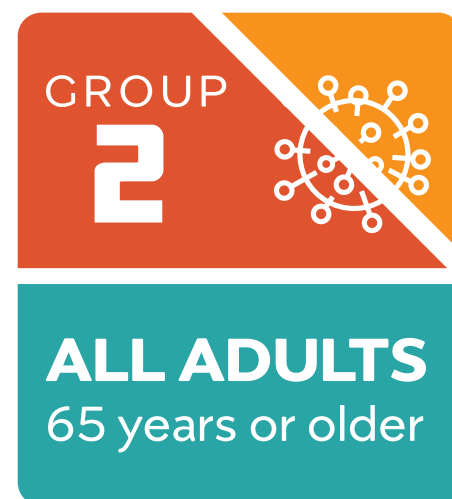


COVID-19 VACCINE



All adults 65+ should get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available.



Getting vaccinated and protecting yourself and others by wearing masks and social distancing will offer the **best protection from COVID-19.**



Getting vaccinated may also **protect people around you** who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Because older adults are at a higher risk of being hospitalized or dying from COVID-19, Mecklenburg County Public Health (MCPH) recommends seniors receive the vaccine when it is available.

Vaccines prepare your immune system to fight the virus if you are exposed. Other steps, like wearing masks and social distancing, help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others.

ABOUT THE VACCINE

COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19.

All COVID-19 vaccines were tested in clinical trials involving tens of thousands of people to make sure they are **safe and effective** in adults.

Get more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and available appointments at: www.MeckNC.gov/COVID-19